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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Frederic Kris Lehman of Champaign, who passed away on February 10, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Frederic Lehman was born on February 5, 1924 in New York City; his parents were David Henry Lehman and Olga Isabel Lehman; he married Sheila Geyer on September 10, 1956 in New York; and

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WHEREAS, At the age of 3, Frederic Lehman went to live with the family of his father's cousin in Calcutta, India, where he remained until the age of 4; he later moved with his family to Lashio, Burma, where he apprenticed in the family gem trade at the age of 14; in 1940, he left Burma to visit his parents when he was caught up in World War II; he served mostly in the Merchant Navy and injured his back in a German attack on his convoy; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Frederic Lehman took his high school equivalency at DeWitt Clinton High School before entering New York University, where he studied mathematics and theoretical physics and minored in languages and social sciences and graduated with honors in 1949; he later entered Columbia University and studied anthropology and linguistics,

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1 earning his Ph.D. in 1959 after returning from his first major
2 field trip to the Chin Hills of Burma with his wife and son;
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4 WHEREAS, Frederic Lehman took his first academic
5 appointment at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
6 becoming an assistant professor in 1960-1961; he became a
7 tenured associate professor in 1965 and a professor in 1968; he
8 also conducted field research in Burma, Thailand, India, and
9 China; he retired as an emeritus professor of anthropology,
10 linguistics, and cognitive sciences in the spring of 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Frederic Lehman continued
12 to collaborate with colleagues around the world and remained on
13 the cutting edge of his interests, giving papers at
14 conferences, writing, and publishing until two months before
15 his passing; and

16 WHEREAS, Frederic Lehman is survived by his wife, Sheila;
17 his sons, Mark Alexander Lehman (Sandra Edwards) and Charles
18 Frederic Albert Lehman; his grandchildren, Tamisha LaShawn
19 McClendon, Brandon Alexander Lehman, and Cameron Alexander
20 Lehman; his daughter-in-law, Barbara J. Lehman; and his
21 favorite dog, Kai; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
2 family and friends, mourn the passing of Frederic Kris Lehman;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Frederic Lehman as an expression of
6 our sympathy.